

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The office action dated December 24, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. The Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of December 16, 2003.

Claims 1-16 and 18-37 remain in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-16 and 18-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798 to Kim et al. ("Kim").

The Applicants respectfully submit that Kim is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). The cited reference Kim was filed in the United States on June 4, 1999. Although the present application does not claim priority to Korean Application No. P 1999-9058, Applicants hereby submit Korean Application No. P 1999-9058 as evidence of invention before the filing of Kim in the United States. Korean Application No. P 1999-9058 bears a Korean filing date of May 17, 1999, which is before the U.S. filing date of Kim. A certified copy of Korean Application No. P 1999-9058 is provided as Exhibit 1, attached hereto. Also attached is a declaration executed by Jang Jin Yoo as Exhibit 2 and Doo Hyun Ko as Exhibit 3, the named inventors of the above-referenced application, indicating that Korean Application No. P 1999-9058 includes the claimed subject matter of the above-referenced application. As such, the Applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejection based upon Kim.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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